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Rome, December 13. *N. S.*

THE 23d paſt, being the Feaſt of St. *Clement*, whoſe Name the Pope bears, and the Anniverſary of his Election to this See, he received the uſual Compliments upon that Occaſion from the College of Cardinals, the Foreign Miniſters, and other Perſons of Quality. It is ſtill believed, that he hath thought of making ſhortly a Promotion of Cardinals, though he did not do it on that day, as was expected. The Gallies of this State are returned from cruizing, to *Civita Vecchia*. The Congregation of the Inquiſition, that had under conſideration the new Errors and Superſtitions which the Jeſuits in *China* have brought into the Worſhip of the Roman Catholick Church in thoſe Parts, has adjourned the further Proceedings upon that Matter, till the Return of Commiſſioners who are appointed to go thither, to enquire into the Truth of ſeveral Matters of Fact which that Society is charged with.

Turin, Decemb. 10. Our Advices from Verue give the following Account of the brave Defence made by the Gariſon of that Place: On the 4th inſtant, both ſides being buſy in making Mines, our Miners met with thoſe of the Enemy, and we had two Men wounded; however, we ſet fire to a Mine, which blew up the Enemy's Gallery, and killed 17 of their Workmen: At the ſame time another Mine took fire under the Glacis of the Covered-way; which blowing up ſome of our Works, gave the Enemy an opportunity to lodge themſelves on the Salient-Angle of the Counterſcarp. The Enemy was chiefly employed in repairing his Trenches and Gabions, which had been greatly damaged by the late Rains, as well as by the fire from our Cannon. The 5th the Enemy attacked the Covered-way, and advanced to the Foot of the Palliſade, but was repulſed with great loſs. He carried on his Works to the Left-Angle of the Covered-way, and drew a Parallel the breadth of that way to the Right, about ſix Paces from the Palliſades. He afterwards advanced his Works to the Right, and the next night joined them to the Left by a Parallel. There was very great firing of our Cannon, and of ſmall Shot on both ſides, and we had 80 Men killed, one of them a Captain. The 6th the Enemy's Batteries began to play, after they had diſcontinued firing 10 or 11 days, which time had been ſpent in repairing them. The 7th, about 9 at night, the Enemy made another Attack on the Covered-way, in three ſeveral Places; many of their Granadiers leapt over the Palliſades into the Covered-way, but the German Granadiers, who were in the place of Arms, and the other Troops in the Ditch, made ſo great a fire, that they killed all thoſe of the Enemy who were got into the Covered-way, and the reſt retir'd with ſo conſiderable a loſs, that the Approaches were all covered with the Enemy's dead Bodies, yet they did not gain any Ground: The loſs on our ſide was inconſiderable. This is the ſecond Attack they have made on the Covered-way; and both having ſucceeded ſo ill, we believe they will be Cautious how they venture upon a third; And if the Weather, that may be expected at this Seaſon, favours the vigorous Efforts of the Gariſon, we may hope ſoon to ſee the Siege raiſed; if it be otherwiſe, yet it will at leaſt coſt the Enemy ſo dear, that they will not be in a Condition to attempt any thing more before the Spring; and in the mean time we may receive our Succours from Germany. General Staremberg is now at Verue, and notwithſtanding he is ill of ſome old Wounds which have opened a-freſh, he was preſent in both the Attacks upon the Covered-way, expoſing his Perſon in the hotteſt of the fire. Our Duke is at Creſcentino, intending to continue there till he ſees the Succeſs of the Siege.

Dreſden, December 24. The States of this Electorate are aſſembled, and appear very well diſpoſed to comply with the Deſires of the King of *Poland*, and to ſupply him with Money for the Subſiſtence of his Forces. His Majeſty intends ſhortly to return to *Cracow*, where he has ſummoned the Chief Nobility, who are in his Intereſt, to be preſent at a great Council to be held on the 8th of the next Month. The new King *Staniſlaus* is at *Koſten*, in the *Greater Peland*, where the Chief of his Party are met together. The King of *Sweden's* Forces continue in that Province, his Majeſty's Head-Quarters being at *Frawenſtad*. All our Letters from *Poland*, eſpecially thoſe Parts of it which have chiefly been made the Seat of War, are full of very melancholy Accounts, of the Condition to which it has reduced them.

Falmouth, Dec. 30. On the 28th inſtant ſailed hence a Dutch Dogger for Waterford. The ſame day arrived here a ſmall Veſſel from Lisbon, laden with Oranges and Lemons, James Wooley Maſter, for London, which had been 16 days in her Paſſage to this Place. Yeſterday arrived the Herbert-Galley, Valentine Wye Commander, of and for London, in 11 days from Lisbon, laden with Wine and Fruit: The Maſter reports, That at the time of his coming away, Her Majeſty's Ship the Roe-Buck, with one Tranſport-Ship, came back to Lisbon, having loſt Company of the reſt of the Tranſports that were bound to Gibraltar. Yeſterday ſeveral of Her Majeſty's Ships ſuppoſed to be the Squadron Commanded by Rear-Admiral Bing, appeared off of this Place, and with them a ſmall Ship which we believe to be a Prize.

Dartmouth, December 29. Yeſterday came into this Port the Nicholas of London from Lisbon, Captain Robert Newman Commander; the Tuſcan-Galley of London, Captain Pennel; the Norton-Galley, Captain Wall; the Bloſſom-Galley, Captain Williams; the Rumbo-Galley, Captain Hays; and the Flying-Fame of Amſterdam, Captain Symon Vandaras; all from Leghorn, from whence they came the 28th of the laſt Month, being all bound for London, except the Dutch-Ship, which is bound home. On the 14th inſtant, in the Streights-Mouth, Captain Pennel met with Her Majeſty's Ship the Newcaſtle, which came out the night before from Gibraltar, and was going to Sir John Leake with an Expreſs from the Prince of Heſſe. Captain Newman ſays, That the day he came out from Lisbon,